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CERB Takes The September Meeting On The Road

The Community Economic Revitalization Board held their September meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Wenatchee. During the meeting CERB approved state loan and grant investments for the City of Moses Lake and Port of Grays Harbor economic development infrastructure projects totaling \$1,400,000. The new businesses in Grant and Grays Harbor counties associated with these projects are expected to create 430 jobs.

On September 19, the day before the meeting CERB participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Community Technology Center hosted by the Port of Chelan County at the Olds Station Business Park, Wenatchee. Following the groundbreaking Board members and staff visited the 61-acre site of the former Peshastin Mill where the Port of Chelan County, along with other local groups, is working to create a publicly owned business/technology park. After the Board meeting on September 20, CERB members and staff visited two completed CERB projects and two undeveloped sites in Grant County that may be brought forward for future

CITY OF MOSES LAKE

The City of Moses Lake, in Grant County, received approval for a \$700,000 loan and a \$300,000 grant for sewer and water improvements required for development of the Pacific Rim Ethanol facility at a site southeast of the city.

Pacific Rim proposes to construct and operate a \$133 million alcohol distillation facility and vital wheat gluten complex producing over 40 million gallons of alcohol annually for use in blending with gasoline and for beverage/industrial uses. Other products will include protein animal feed from dried distiller grains, food grade carbon dioxide and wheat gluten used in the baking industry.

Pacific Rim estimates 52 direct full-time jobs will be created and over 300 contracted jobs for security, plant maintenance, and hauling product. Pacific Rim will fill employment needs from Grant and Adams county labor markets.

Future site of Pacific Rim Ethanol Facility



Hosts of CERB tour, from left: Vern Regennitter, Board Member, Pacific Rim Ethanol Terry Brewer, Executive Director, Grant Co. EDC Gary Harer, Municipal Svcs Dir., City of Moses Lake

PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR

The Port of Grays Harbor, in Grays Harbor County, received approval for a \$80,000 loan and a \$150,000 grant for improvements to a port-owned 50,000 square foot warehouse required for the expansion of Westport Shipyards, Inc., a manufacturer of yachts.

Westport Shipyards, currently located in Westport, plans to expand their manufacturing operations into Hoquiam and construct a new line of 98-foot yachts. Westport Shipyards estimates 78 new full-time jobs will be created and plans to invest \$2.6 million to begin operations in Hoquiam.

Community Technology Center Groundbreaking

September 19, 2001:

CERB Chair Judith
Boekholder and state
OTED Director
Martha Choe
participated in the
Community
Technology Center
groundbreaking,
along with local
officials, hosted by
the Port of Chelan
County at the Olds
Station Business
Park in Wenatchee,



PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY

The Community Economic Revitalization Board approved loan and grant funds to help develop a new Port of Chelan County facility called the Community Technology Center. The CTC is a 90,000 square foot port facility located at the Port of Chelan County's Olds Station Business Park, north of the City of Wenatchee. The Center will house telecommunications infrastructure, a state-of-the-art "on-demand" Workforce and Technology Training Center and office space for lease by private business tenants. All tenants will have the right to utilize the Workforce and Technology Training Center as part of their lease.

The CTC will provide secure space for the Chelan County Public Utility District to create a telecommunications hub for broadband fiber optic connectivity throughout Chelan County and North Central Washington and back to major Puget Sound fiber-trunk lines. This increased connectivity will allow several local technology and telecom businesses to expand and add staff. The fiber optic hub, or "point of presence" will also create an increase in the marketability of additional port property.

In addition to the immediate need of technology and telecommunications businesses in Chelan County, Douglas and Okanogan Counties will also benefit. Chelan and Douglas County PUDs are cooperating in fiber-optic cable routes that will reach into remote areas. The CTC will provide an



Martha Choe, Director of the state Office of Trade and Economic Development congratulates CTC on behalf of Governor Gary Locke.

PESHASTIN TECHNOLOGY PARK SITE

After the CTC groundbreaking ceremony, CERB members and staff visited the Peshastin Technology Park, a 61-acre site of the former Peshastin Mill, an example of a rural community's high priority economic development project 'in the rough.'

The Peshastin Mill site has not been privately developed because of the infrastructure cost (road and utilities construction) and the cost of removing many years' accumulation of bark, wood chips and debris left from the lumber mill operation. No hazardous wastes have been found on the site. The project's infrastructure needs include water, sewer, and road improvements. Other site improvements include land acquisition, site clean-up and greenbelt development. The Port of Chelan County is working towards purchasing the property.

The Port of Chelan County, along with other local groups, is working to create a publicly owned business/technology park for future business growth and job creation.



November 15, 2001 CERB Meeting

The November 15, 2001 meeting will be held near the Sea-Tac Airport at the Radisson Hotel, 17001 Pacific Hwy S., Seattle, WA.

I-5 North: Take 152nd, turn left on 188th. Proceed under I-5, 1 mile West on 188th. Turn right onto Hwy. 99 International Blvd. Go ½ mile and turn left at the light on to 170th to the Radisson.

I-5 South: Take 152nd, turn right on 188th. Directions as above to the Radisson.



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PORT OF MOSES LAKE

After the Board meeting on September 20, 2001 CERB visited Genie Industries, Inc. and Chemi-Con Material Corp. at the Port of Moses Lake in Grant County, and the Intermodal Industrial Park site at the Port of Quincy.

GENIE INDUSTRIES, INC.

In 1999, CERB invested \$1,298,827 (loan/grant combination) to help bring the port's 1950's 427,000 square foot aircraft hangar up to manufacturing standards for the expansion of Genie to Moses Lake. Genie's headquarters, in Redmond, was land restricted and unable to expand there. To date, 156 new jobs have been created; an additional 294 jobs will be created in the future. Genie is a leading manufacturer of industrial lifting hydraulic equipment.



Mark Albright, Operations Manager, left, and Chris Noyes, Customer Svc Manager from Genie Industries led CERB on an infomational tour of their facility.

CHEMI-CON MATERIAL CORP.

In 1998, CERB invested \$1 million (loan) to help construct the port's industrial wastewater treatment system needed to retain Chemi-Con Material Corp. in the state—Chemi-Con more than doubled its manufacturing capacity. 64 jobs were retained plus 14 new jobs created to date. Chemi-Con manufactures electrolytic foil capacitors used in electronics and

PORT OF QUINCY INTERMODAL INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE

The Port of Quincy plans to seek CERB assistance in the future for the first phase of public infrastructure improvements—water, sewer, road, warehouse and rail spur—for the 300-acre park. The intermodal park will serve as a transportation point of containerized cargo from Eastern Washington to ports in Western Washington and other points in the U.S.

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CERB is a state economic development resource strategically focused to help business and industry create and retain jobs in partnership with local communities.

CERB provides financing for construction of public facilities that support private sector development and increased employment opportunities.

Management support is provided by the Office of Trade & Economic Development that works to enhance and promote sustainable economic vitality.

Communities with potential projects are encouraged to contact CERB staff at 360.725.4058 or by e-mail to: KateR@cted.wa.gov